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Marginal Column

By BENJAMIN AKZIN

THE time has come for Israel to absorb a new lesson: on the use of words in international affairs. General Burns' report indirectly blaming Israel for her "disproportionate retaliation" against Syria has been published. A Security Council resolution formally censuring Israel for the same action is awaited shortly. For months now, Mr. Dulles, Sir Anthony Eden, and other public figures have been cajoling or pressuring Israel to make concessions. In his Kinneret report, even General Burns, seemingly influenced by the prevailing atmosphere, quits the part of a defender pure and simple of the armistice, and begins to mediate, the mediation, in keeping with current fashion, consisting of suggestions that Israel agree to concessions.

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THE matter of concessions should be considered on its merits. Were Israel opinion persuaded that concessions would lead to genuine peace, it is likely that Israel would be prepared to offer them. It is only because the preponderant weight of logic, evidence and experience points the other way and indicates that unilateral concessions at this time are intended by Arab —and are known to non-Arab— leaders to be mere stages in the progressive weakening of Israel, that so strong a current of opinion in this country firmly opposes them.

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THE arguments and pressures which seek to drive Israel into passive submission to aggressive acts and into concessions are something else again. Some of these pressures carry the threat of sanctions. These call for a careful evaluation of the risk involved in either giving in to or withstanding them.

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BUT many of the pressures are verbal only. And in this connection one should recall Dr. Weizmann's frequent injunctions not to take too seriously words and promises favourable to us. This rule applies equally when words are turned against us. It is not easy for Jews to assume this attitude, for words are the most familiar weapon of our arsenal. Still, we should try not to get over-confident when the battle of words goes in our favour, nor despair when it goes against us. In neither case is it decisive.

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ANOTHER point to remember is that any connection between words and justice is often fortuitous. Though not always blameless where justice is concerned, we Jews, ever since the days of old, are particularly sensitive to the charge of injustice. Let us recall, therefore, that neither foreign governments and statesmen nor even the United Nations are abstractly impartial judges seeking equity, but are necessarily moved by political interests. If justice happens to coincide with the interest involved — fine, if not, interests will have their mask. In either case, it is both custom and good propaganda to formulate one's political objectives as if justice and lofty selflessness were the only motivations present.

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THIS being the case, there is no need for Israel to stand conscience-stricken at the censures directed against her. With all possible sincerity, Israelis should ask themselves whether their steps are right or wrong, either in the political or in the moral sense. If wrong, Israel should amend her policies. But foreign censure alone is not acceptable evidence of wrongdoing. The chances that such censures happen to be justified are not much greater than the chances that they are only camouflage for power-interests.

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IN the case of the Kinneret incident, the censure is contrary to justice. The doctrine that retaliation is as bad as provocation or worse is an ad hoc doctrine intended for Israel only, and is utterly unfounded in law or equity. Whether the Kinneret action was politically wise is another question. It seems to this writer that the action was not decisive enough to affect the situation materially for any length of time, but on sufficiently large a scale for blame to be apportioned as if it had been more decisive.

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STILL, words and formulas have their uses in international affairs. They can help and they can do damage. Strangely enough, Israel's skill in using them is not great, and stands in need of improvement. As an example, the Kinneret action — if undertaken at all — should have been designated as one of self-defence under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter; the use of the discredited term "retaliation" should have been discarded. Not that the difference would have mattered to those who believe that their self-interest drives them to blame Israel, but it would have rendered their task somewhat more difficult.

Jerusalem, December 26.

Japan Socialists Plan Overthrow Of Government

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Mosaburo Suzuki, Chairman of Japan's newly united Socialist Party, said today that his party would "mobilize 10 million workers in a nationwide movement" to overthrow the present Government of Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama and "stop its rearmament offensive."

Mr. Suzuki, who was talking to reporters after a meeting with leaders of Japanese trade union federations, said that the movement would be staged from March to April this year and would seek the dissolution of the Diet (Parliament).

He added that the campaign would press for a peace treaty with Russia and the protection of Japan's Constitution.

The Socialist Party spring offensive would be carried out parallel with a planned labour offensive aimed at increased wages.

New Policy

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Ichitaba reported after a Cabinet meeting on next year's budget that the Government would try to follow policies that could not be carried out before the two-party system was set up.

Right-wing groups recently merged to form a ruling Liberal Democratic Party with a comfortable majority over the unified Socialist opposition, which also merged this year.

An official spokesman said that the Cabinet decided to keep its budget within 1,030,000m. yen (£1,030m.) in the 1956 financial year. The budget for the current year is about 990,000m. yen.

The announcement did not give details of the budget — to be presented in draft form to the Diet in about a month — but government officials have predicted a defence outlay for next year of about 140,000m. yen, which would include Japan's part in the defence costs she shares with the U.S.

The Japanese Government is reported to be seeking a cut of about 8,000m. yen in the size of its share.

U.S. Report Raps Korea Corruption

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — Allegations that the South Korean Government of President Syngman Rhee was "shockingly corrupt" were made in a report published here today of an influential private economic research group.

The report was written by Mr. John Lewis, a professor of business administration at Indiana University, at the request of the National Planning Association, an advisory group of business, labour, farm and industry leaders.

It said that, in the absence of extensive internal reforms and adequate foreign aid, "the risk of inadvertent catastrophe in Korea has been mounting."

The report called on the U.S. and the West to provide a minimum of $1,240m. aid in the next five years, adding that President Rhee might help by making drastic reforms. These included improvements in budgetary practices, austerity in government spending, a major overhaul of the tax system and the development of policies compatible with the economic needs and inflation control.

In suggesting internal reforms, Mr. Lewis said that violent post-war inflation was partly responsible for the "shocking corruption" in Korea. He added that the picture of corruption and disorder was only a snapshot of an emergency-ridden community in a state of violent flux.

"Whatever its shortcomings, the Rhee regime is not an unrepresentative clique which has wilfully and cunningly imposed a regime of venal inefficiency and autocracy on a protesting citizenry," he said. "More nearly, it is a fair expression of the present degree of Korean political maturity."

Makarios Opens Talks With Greek Official

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Alexis Liatis, a Greek Foreign Ministry official, arrived here tonight for talks with Archbishop Makarios, who will be briefed on the progress of the recent Anglo-Greek talks on the Cypriot campaign for union with Greece.

Terrorists here today threw a grenade at a building near Metaxas Square used by security forces as their town headquarters. There were no casualties. Troops cordoned off the area and searched for the terrorists.

Last night, armed terrorists attacked the village police station at Yialousses in northeast Cyprus for the second time in eight days, but no one was hurt.

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Tel Aviv Municipal Employees to Strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — With a strike of municipal employees here scheduled to begin at midnight tomorrow, the workers' parties in the Municipal Council rejected the Mayor's invitation made at the Council meeting here tonight to join a committee which would discuss the dispute.

A decision condemning the strike and calling for the establishment of a five-man committee was carried by the votes of the coalition. A Mapai resolution agreed to a committee on condition that it was agreed that the Histadrut-affiliated Municipal Employees Association be recognised as the sole representative of municipal employees to the exclusion of the small Herut-sponsored body.

In an unusually orderly meeting, the Mayor, Mr. Haim Levanon, refuted all opposition charges against the Municipality management committee. Together with other speakers of the coalition parties, he declared that a single employees' organisation would be beneficial to all concerned, but that it should be achieved by persuasion and not by coercive measures. "Now is not the time for a strike," he said. On the disputed question of pensions, he stated that municipal employees here were granted the same conditions as Government employees, even though they had already received extra grants. He claimed that their social benefits were better than in most institutions. He also denied "political appointments."

The administration has always tried to undermine the employees' solidarity, the Mapai faction leader, Mr. E. Shechter, declared. Only the larger association, speaking for 90 per cent of employees, could represent the interests of the workers, he said, and it was open to all, irrespective of party. There was no place in the country where there were two staff organizations. "You want to use the second Herut organization as a political weapon," he charged the Mayor. He demanded that the Mayor publish the pre-coalition agreements between the General Zionists, Hapoel Hamizrahi and Herut, "as the Government had done." It was disgraceful that some pensioners had to live on IL67 a month, he said.

The Herut employees organization will never give in, Herut members declared. The independent employees organization had existed for 20 years and had always been recognized.

The Government should be called in to intervene, because it was a national question, Mr. M. Goldstein, (Progressive) declared. He called for a better "psychological approach" from both sides.

Reading out charges of political appointments made against him in the employees association's journal, Mr. A. Bovar, Hapoel Hamizrahi Deputy Mayor, challenged members to substantiate them. All speakers of the opposition parties urged coalition members to implement their declared support of the existence of one employees organization.

During the meeting, the Mayor announced that Mrs. Golda Myerson had resigned from the Council. Mr. Y. Rabbinowitz is to replace her.

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India's Neutrality Unchanged—Nehru

COIMBATORE, Southern India, Sunday (Reuter). — India intends to be friendly towards all countries, even if some do not want to be friendly with her, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said here today.

Mr. Nehru was addressing a mammoth public meeting at which he enlarged on India's foreign policy in the light of the recent visit to India of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Prime Minister, and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Communist Party chief.

Mr. Nehru said, "Now great controversies have arisen in other countries about the consequence of the visit of Soviet leaders to India. They ask, is India aligning or tying herself up with the Communist countries and with the Soviet Union? Are we giving up our policy of non-alignment and neutrality? And some people in the West are very angry.

"Now, people seem to think in many parts of the world that if you are friendly with one person that means you are hostile to and the enemy of the other — as if you can only be friendly in order to be hostile.

"One should be friendly for friendship's sake because one likes the other, not because one dislikes another.

"That is our national and international outlook and that is the real basis of what is called the policy of neutrality or non-alignment that India follows."

Supreme Soviet Meets Today

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuter). — More than 1,300 delegates to the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet will meet in the Kremlin tomorrow. The session will open with a joint meeting of the Soviet's two chambers, the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalities.

The Supreme Soviet is expected to discuss the budget, but a joint meeting is an unusual procedure for ordinary budget sessions, which normally commence with separate meetings of the Chambers to approve the agenda.

The procedure was adopted in August, however, when the Supreme Soviet special session was confined entirely to a report by Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin on the Geneva "summit" conference. It is considered possible, therefore, that the joint session tomorrow might be used as an occasion for a speech on foreign affairs.

TIME-BOMB FOUND IN PARIS CHURCH

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — A roughly-made time bomb was found this morning in the crypt of the Sacred Heart Church here. It was set to explode at about noon.

Police went to the church, situated on the crest of Montmartre Hill and well known to pilgrims and tourists, after receiving an anoaymous telephone call.

The sacristan of the church found the bomb this morning lying before the altar in a chapel in the crypt. It was covered with a white cloth on which a bunch of violets had been placed. Hearing a ticking noise, the sacristan called the police, who had the bomb removed by experts from the municipal laboratory.

Experts said that had the bomb gone off, the explosion would have been as powerful as that of a 75-mm. shell.

The unknown caller who telephoned the police said that a bomb would explode in the Sacred Heart Church tonight.

A letter received at the Prefecture said that the writer had tried in vain for five years to persuade the Pope to excommunicate all atomic scientists, and that he proposed to draw attention to the danger of nuclear experiments by placing bombs in the Sacred Heart Church and Notre Dame Cathedral.

ARDALAN PERSIA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

TEHERAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Dr. Gholi Ardalan, Persia's representative at the U.N. for the past five years, was appointed Foreign Minister today in place of Dr. Abdullah Entezam. The latter, who is undergoing medical treatment in Paris, will take up the post of Deputy Premier and Minister of State on his return to Teheran.

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British Warning To Israel Unconfirmed

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — The diplomatic correspondent of the "Observer" said that there is no confirmation here of the remark made yesterday in Amman by the Jordan Government spokesman that Britain has warned Israel that she will come to the aid of Jordan in the event of an attack by Israel.

He added that "it is not thought that the recent concentration of Israel forces on the Jordan frontier is a prelude to any attack, but was rather the strengthening of frontier defence against infiltration while Jordan troops and police were tied down by disturbances."

50,000 Homeless In U.S. Floods; 32 Dead

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday (Reuter). — Thirty-two persons died, three others are missing, and 50,000 homeless victims passed their most desolate Christmas as rising rivers inundated large areas in three states — northern California, southern Oregon, and eastern Nevada.

But most rivers in the three states have begun receding, although melting snows threatened new trouble in central California today.

Property losses in the floods, now in their sixth day, are expected to exceed $100m.

President Eisenhower has proclaimed Reno, Nevada, and the surrounding Washoe County, a major disaster area. He issued a similar proclamation for all of northern California on Friday and gave Federal agencies a "blank cheque" to cope with the immense task of relief and rehabilitation.

SEVERAL VILLAGES FLOODED IN SERBIA

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). — Troops and townspeople at Pozarevac, Serbia, were tonight hurriedly fortifying the embankments along the river Velika Moravia, which burst its banks and flooded several villages near here today.

The river continued to rise and there was danger of further flooding at any moment. Preparations had been made for the speedy evacuation of the threatened villages.

The levels of other Serbian rivers swelled by the heavy rains of the past few days are now falling.

Nasser: Tito's Visit Of 'Greatest Significance'

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). — President Tito's visit to Egypt this week will be of the "greatest significance for the further development of mutual relations between Egypt and Yugoslavia," Egypt's Premier Abdul Nasser said in an article in Monday's issue of the Sarajevo newspaper, "Oslobodjenke," quoted by Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency.

Tanjug said that the yacht, Galeb, in which Marshal Tito is sailing from Ethiopia to Egypt for his state visit beginning on December 28, was today passing through the Red Sea in calm weather.

The Galeb is due at Suez on Wednesday.

Israel to Make Anti-Polio Vaccine

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A programme for the production in Israel of an anti-polio vaccine, a product comprising less virulent strains than the famous Salk vaccine, was approved on Friday in Tel Aviv by the Epidemiological and Poliomyelitis Committees of the National Health Council, it was learned yesterday from Ministry of Health sources. The plans were drawn up in consultation with Professor J.L. Melnick, of Yale University, a world authority on the drug and its preparation, and Dr. P. Yekutiel, head of the Epidemiological Department of the Ministry of Health.

Production for the time being will be confined to the Biological Institute in Nes Ziona and the Health Ministry's laboratories in Jaffa, and will be under the supervision of Dr. N. Goldblum, Director of the Army Medical Corps' Department of Medical Research. Though every attempt will be made to produce a limited quantity of the vaccine for the 1956 polio season, it is fairly certain that the great majority of Israel's children of the dangerous ages up to six will receive their inoculations only in the spring of 1957.

Once production methods are rationalized and running smoothly, it is understood that the manufacture of the vaccine will be put in the hands of the Rafa Biological Laboratories in Jerusalem. In the meantime, Rafa technicians, as observers, will study the complicated production procedures at Nes Ziona and Jaffa.

Israel was to have received the original Salk vaccine as long ago as February, 1955, but, for various reasons, a licence was never granted for the export of the vaccine from the U.S. In June, in spite of the controversy then raging in the U.S. over the drug's effectiveness, the Ministry of Health made public a statement that the drug would be available for this winter, both locally produced and imported.

Algerian Rebels Kill 3 Arab Volunteers

ALGIERS, Sunday (UP). — Three Arab volunteers were killed in action today against rebels near Nedroma in south-west Algeria, as rebel attacks continued, but failed to develop into the feared Christmas uprisings.

A band of five terrorists ambushed a bus between Geryville and El Abiad, but the three passengers escaped unhurt.

A young rebel chief, Korbadou Ali ben Melki, today joined the French in operations against the guerrilla fighters he once helped lead. French courts later will try him for his part in the rebellion. He made his formal submission to France in a ceremony yesterday.

In neighbouring Morocco, demonstrators at Sidi Mokhft, near the Spanish zone border about 90 kms. from Fez, yesterday attacked the chieftain, killed one person and wounded nine others.

'Give and Take' Is Basis for Peace Talks, B.-G. Says

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Prime Minister, today repeated his offer to meet Egypt's Premier Abdul Nasser and stressed the need of negotiation between both sides on a "give and take" basis.

In an interview with M. Bernard Ullman of Agence France-Presse, Mr. Ben-Gurion warned against French arms supplies to the Arab states.

Questioned as to the basis on which the negotiations could be held and whether they would be based on proposals submitted in Washington, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared that he did not wish to submit claims or to propose any basis for negotiations except the existing one, the Israel-Egypt Armistice Agreement. Everyone could raise the questions which interested him and, with good will, mutual agreement could be arrived at in all possible spheres, he said.

The Prime Minister declared that the Mixed Armistice Commissions could fulfil an important role insofar as dif concerned were interested in their success.

Basis for Relations

Replying to a question whether he thought that the "five principles of co-existence" accepted, amongst others, by India and China could serve as a basis for Israel-Arab relations, he declared that any principle which proclaimed the complete freedom and sovereignty of nations could do so.

It is also a mistake to think that French arms supplies to Egypt and the Arab states will alter the attitude of Arab states towards North Africa. This would only whet their appetite. The future of North Africa does not depend on the stand taken by the Arabs but on France's ability to make the common interests of herself and North Africa surmount the differences between them, he stated.

Questioned as to his opinion on the efforts of France in keeping a balance in her relations with Israel and the Arab world, and whether such a policy would serve to help France in safeguarding her interests in North Africa, Mr. Ben-Gurion replied, "While understanding France's desire for good relations with the Arab world, we consider that it is a mistake to think that the Arab states are defending the interests of the peoples and tribes of North Africa. Their intervention in North African affairs is solely for their own interests."

May Seen Deadline For Peace Prospects

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — A theory in Western diplomacy that the Czech arms deal improved chances of a settlement in the Middle East is based on the belief that Premier Abdul Nasser greatly strengthened his grip on Egypt through this move and is "now in the position to settle the war with Israel," according to a lengthy article appearing today in the "New York Herald-Tribune," written by Mr. Don Cook, the newspaper's London bureau chief.

Mr. Cook recently returned from a Middle East tour, and this is the first of a series of three articles by him.

The writer said he gained the impression in the Middle East that there is a genuine desire beneath the surface to end the conflict. But Western diplomats on the spot give no later than May next year for the "flexible period" in which a peace may be negotiated. By that time the Egyptians will be trained in the use of their new weapons, there will be no more Western troops in the area, and Israel will show increasing frustration over the arms situation, he declared.

He said that British diplomacy has not yet found anything concrete as to the terms on which the Arabs would agree to a settlement with Israel, but the general belief is that there are no great problems involved in finding a formula as far as Syria, the Lebanon and Jordan are concerned. If only Egypt could be brought to negotiate peace, then a settlement should be possible with all the Arab states, the British believe.

As to the price the Arabs would demand, Mr. Cook mentions the "face-saving device" of Israel's sacrifice of a small part of the Negev, with Eilat controlled by an international force to guarantee Israel access to the sea in the south. But the writer said that none of this "is remotely acceptable to the Israelis."

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Syria Admits Rejection Of Armistice Borders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Foreign Ministry has sent a letter to Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, drawing his attention to a Radio Damascus broadcast made on Saturday afternoon.

The broadcast, in effect, confirmed that Syrian troops were under orders to occupy Israel territory in the Lake Kinneret region.

This broadcast, in conjunction with the speech made at the Security Council on Thursday by Ahmed Shukeiry, the Syrian delegate, emphasises the gravity of the documents seised by the Israel Army in its action on December 11. The Syrian documents showed that the troops were already stationed inside Israel territory on the east side of Lake Kinneret and that their mission was to command with gunfire a portion of the Lake itself.

The Radio Damascus report said in part:

"The Zionists.... speak of the Syrian coast of the Kinneret as if it were Israel territory and accuse the Syrians of putting up armed outposts inside Israel territory.

No Recognition

"But we do not know where is the Israel territory they are talking about, and where is the border that they refer to. They have forgotten that Syria does not recognize at all the existence either of Israel territory or of an Israel border, and nothing will make her recognize them, either from a legal or international point of view.

"The Armistice Agreement does not oblige us to recognize them, nor do the partition proposals of the United Nations, as long as Israel herself rejects the partition proposals and refuses to honour their provisions.

"If Israel refers to the border that existed between Syria and Palestine in the days of the Mandate, she is not justified to base herself on it from the international point of view. As the Zionist authorities refused to recognize the partition boundaries, their State has no borders, and only the Armistice lines divide the conquered territory from its surroundings.

"According to these lines, the north-east coast of the Kinneret is considered as Syrian territory until legal boundaries are defined.

"The instructions that were given to the Syrian forces to defend Syrian territory do not constitute an offence but are instructions of honour that the Syrian Army is proud of and which it will execute as long as the Zionists try to harm the motherland," the Radio Damascus broadcast concluded.

Clamours for Crusade

In the Security Council, Shukeiry referred to the leaders of Israel as no better than a Hitler gang, and said it was incumbent on the Council to eliminate this evil from the Middle East as it was eliminated in Europe.

He called on the Council to start on a crusade — under the flag of peace and security and not under the flag of religion — to root out Israel from the Middle East.

He was then called to order by the President of the Council, Sir Leslie Munro.

These official Syrian pronouncements, it is clear, confess to a design on Israel territory.

If there is any hope of finding solutions to the problems arising in the Tiberias area, it is felt that they will have to be based on Syria's recognition of her obligations under the General Armistice Agreement and the Mixed Armistice Commission decisions.

It would seem that Israel now has a right to expect the United Nations to impress upon Syria the gravity of her openly announced stand and to take appropriate action to bring about a change in her stated policy and a cessation to her announced designs.

Academic Workers Demand Guri Scale

The Coordinating Committee of the Civil Service Administrative and Academic Workers Union, decided in Jerusalem last night to reject any wage settlement which would nullify Government decisions based on the Guri Report, a Committee spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The Committee feels that the Government and the Histadrut are utilizing the political and security crisis in which the country finds itself to cancel out these decisions, the spokesman said.

Jordan House Said Dissolved Illegally

A group of 25 former members of the Jordan Parliament, which was dissolved a week ago following riots against the country's announced intention to join the Baghdad pact, have charged that the dissolution of the House was constitutionally illegal, the Old City daily, "El Jihad," reported yesterday.

The group, headed by the former Speaker of the House, was received by King Hussein on Saturday night and said that the dissolution violated Article 40 of the constitution. This stipulates that Parliament may be dissolved only upon submission of such a decision by the Minister of Interior to the Cabinet, which in turn must give approval and submit it to the King in the form of a document signed by the Premier and the Minister of Interior.

The former deputies charged that the document in question was signed only by the Premier.

Meanwhile, Premier Ibrahim Hashim yesterday again assured Jordanians that the forthcoming elections on April 20 would be "free," and that his caretaker Government would resign immediately afterwards.

The Ministers of Health, Interior, and Social Welfare were reported to be continuing their task of collecting data for the compilation of a list of killed and wounded in the riots, whose families are demanding compensation from the Government.

Amman Denies Hussein To Discuss Arab Aid

Jordan officials last night denied knowledge of the reported Syrian proposal for a meeting with King Hussein to discuss Arab aid to Jordan to replace the British annual subsidy, according to NEABS from Amman.

(On Saturday, it was reported from Damascus that Premier Said el Ghazi had proposed a meeting between Premier Abdul Nasser of Egypt, President Kuwatly of Syria, and King Hussein on this subject.)

Amman quarters further repeated their denial that they had received any offer from Syria, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia on Arab aid to Jordan.

Cabinet Meets Twice On Security, Foreign Policy

The Cabinet yesterday devoted two sessions to a debate on security matters and foreign policy, it was officially announced last night.

No decisions were taken after the six-hour discussion, it is understood.

TREMOR IN SWISS TOWN

CHUR, Switzerland, Sunday (Reuter). — A strong earth tremor scared people out of their beds near here early today. The centre of the earthquake was only a few miles from Chur, but no serious damage or casualties were reported.

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Mr. Kingsley Martin, editor of "The New Statesman and Nation," and Mrs. Martin stayed at the Dagon Hotel in Ashkelon on Saturday night and toured the Lachish area and new and old Ashkelon yesterday afternoon.

BIRTH

GORMANNS — To Ruth (nee Reichman) and Mr. Kurt Gormanns on December 22, 1955, at the Hasha Hospital, Haifa, a daughter — Daniela.

UNVEILING OF TOMBSTONE

ESTHER RUTH ADLER

The unveiling of the tombstone over the grave of Esther Ruth Adler will take place on Tuesday, December 27, at 3 p.m., at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

Eliezer Rutenberg Dead in Tiberias

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — The death took place here today of Eliezer Rutenberg, 70, a brother of the late Pinhas Rutenberg, founder of the Palestine Electric Corporation. He died of a heart attack. Rutenberg was born in Russia, received a traditional education and studied mining engineering at the St. Petersburg Institute of Technology. He worked in his field in Russia and in the U.S. He settled in this country in 1932, where he established the Consolidated Near East Ltd., large-scale importers of agricultural equipment and other machinery.

Shmuel Niger, Literary Critic, Died in N.Y.

The renowned Yiddish literary critic, Shmuel Niger (Charney), died of a heart attack in New York on Saturday at the age of 72.

The deceased was travelling home in the subway from a meeting of Yivo, which had taken place in the home of one of his friends, when he had the attack. The police called an ambulance, which rushed him to a hospital, but he died on the way.

Niger was born near Minsk, in Russia, and studied at the yeshivot of Berezin and Minsk. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1919, where he joined the staff of the Yiddish daily, "Der Tag," and was its literary editor at the time of his death. He helped found and was head of the American section of the Yiddish Scientific Institute (Yivo), and was a member of the Executive Committee of ZIKO, the Central Yiddish Culture Organization, and President of the Louis Lamed Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew and Yiddish literature of Detroit, which awards prizes for Hebrew and Yiddish literature.

Yosselle Weinberg Dead At 61 in Jerusalem

The death occurred in Jerusalem on Saturday of Mr. Joseph ("Yosselle") Weinberg, 61, the veteran *mukhtar* of the Beit Yisrael Quarter, of a stomach ailment. Among the hundreds of mourners at the funeral, which took place on Saturday night in accordance with the Jerusalem custom, was the Gerer Rebbe.

The deceased, a well-known figure in Jerusalem, was a third-generation *sabra*, and often challenged in the courts actions of the Mandatory civil and military authorities, and bye-laws of the Jerusalem Municipal Commission.

Weinberg was a money-changer by profession, and regularly gave one-tenth of his income to charity.

GIRL KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT

RAMLE, Sunday. — A 17-year-old girl was killed and a man seriously injured last night when a motorcycle collided with a taxi on the Ramle-Beit-Dagon road.

Alina Albas, of Jaffa, was riding in the sidecar of Raphael Alon's motorcycle, when the accident occurred. They were taken to the Assaf Harofe Hospital, where the girl died two hours later. The taxi driver has been detained.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 2.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Salon Jpt.
EDEN: Betrayed.
EDISON: The Yellow Balloon.
ORGIL: "Les Femmes s'en Balancent." 3rd week.
ORION: Doctors.
ORNA: Trouble in Store. 2nd week.
RON: The Green Scarf. 2nd week.
STUDIO: Spellbound. 3rd week.
TEL OR: Drums across the River.
ZION HALL: Carta Diva.

TEL AVIV

At 2.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: "La Nave delle Donne Maledette." 2nd week.
ARNON DAVID: Laughter in Paradise. 5th week.
CHEN: Monsieur Ripois.
ESTHER: Hit the Deck.
HOGRABI: Night People. 2nd week.
OFNIR: "Le Passionnaire." 2nd week.
ORION: A Star is Born. 7th week.
SHDEROT: Mandy. 7th week.
TAMAR: Top Secret. Also continuous from 9.45 a.m. (last show at 1.45 p.m.)
TCHELET: "Les Amants du Tage."
At 2 p.m.: Blood and Bread.
YARON: Passport to Pimlico. 2nd week.
ZAMIR: "Paris." 5th week.

HAIFA

ARMENIA THEATRE: Love is a Many-Splendored Thing.
ORAH: Unmarried Mothers.
ARMON: The Barefoot Contessa. 2nd week.
ORLY: It Always Rains on Sunday.
RIF DON: The I Don't Care Girl.
ORNON: The Bench of Love.
ATHENON: "Les Trois Perfectes Coupables."
HAY: Battle-Cry. 3rd week.
PEER: On the Waterfront.
SAL OR: Drums in the Deep South.
Matinees: Lantern Hotel.

VISITORS' GALLERY

B.B.C. Man Gives 'Kol Yisrael' Ideas

A RADIO official on her way to work was asked by a taxi-driver the other day whether she could help him find his relation in Kol Yisrael — a visiting expert called Galbraith. When the official expressed puzzlement over the relationship between the Yiddish-speaking driver and the tall, blond British visitor, the driver explained "I haven't met him but he must be a relative. My name used to be Heilbrecht, but when I moved to Russia it became Geilbrecht, and that's obviously the same as Galbraith."

William O. Galbraith, Kol Yisrael's visiting expert, regretfully denies the connection. His origin is Scottish, and his name means "son of the Briton." He himself is a product of North-East England, and he started his career as a schoolmaster in Newcastle teaching boxing and languages. Fugilism is one of his two hobbies (the other is mountaineering), and he was captain of the Durham University boxing team.

He joined the B.B.C. in 1940 and was pioneer of its European Service, which began in conditions that make Kol Yisrael appear palatial by comparison and ended by writing a chapter of history. He was responsible for the programme operations of the European network. After World War II, he went to Latin America for four years as B.B.C. representative. The UNESCO technical assistance programme has brought him to Israel "to advise on the problems of educational broadcasting and on the use of radio in helping the integration of the immigrant." He is not confining himself to a narrow interpretation of this mandate, but is taking the opportunity — at Kol Yisrael's request — to advise on the whole gamut of broadcasting including the organizational, programming and technical aspects.

His interim report, presented after a few weeks in the country, astonished radio personnel by its insight and perspicacity. Before his departure next month, he will present a fuller and more comprehensive set of recommendations covering many angles of Kol Yisrael. Without giving away details, he has expressed some of his general reactions publicly on several occasions.

He believes that Kol Yisrael is doing its best under current circumstances, but its resources are overstrained. Certain improvements are possible immediately within the framework of the current budget. Others are dependent on translations of new technical equipment. He is disappointed at the level of broadcasting, which has lagged behind the progress recorded by other institutions in the country. Moreover, radio does not play the part it should in the life of the population.

On the subject of educational broadcasts, Mr. Galbraith stresses again the technical deficiencies. At present there are no school programmes, while the broadcasts to immigrants are for 15-20 minutes an evening, and even then are inaudible in large sections of the country. He is also a believer in sugaring the pill, holding that patently educational features will only be heard by the educated. "You can raise an audience's level, as we have done on the B.B.C. Light Programme," he says, "but first you have to get them to begin to listen."

These are refreshing thoughts and need to be said, as is another dictum of Mr. Galbraith which probably appears heretical in some quarters: "Entertainment is an end in itself." *AUDIO*

No Reminder for Radio Licence Renewals

In order to cut down on administrative expenses, reminders to holders of radio licences to renew them will not be sent in the future, it was stated yesterday by the Post Office. Instead, public announcements will be made on the radio and on placards.

Those who fail to renew their licences by February 15 will have to pay an additional 20 per cent of the tariff. The account may be paid through the Post Office Bank.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

Hesse's Restaurant, Jerusalem, Tel. 4130, serves you lunch and dinner, four courses with meat, from IL3.400 (incl. taxes) upwards. Hesse's stands for Quality and Service.

★ Entertainment: —
Spend a pleasant evening in a cosy atmosphere in the Bar of the King David Hotel. At the piano: Bondy. Every Saturday: Tea Dances in the Main Lobby of the Hotel as well as Dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

★ Exhibitions: —
1) Dutch and Flemish Paintings of the 17th Century. 2) French Paintings of the 20th Century. 3) Paintings by Yvette Sacsupak-Thomas. Exhibit of the Month: A Hanukka lamp (silver repoussé) 17th Century, Augsburg. Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 2-5.
Watercolours, oils and drawings by Curt Singer; Sculptures by B. Pokorny. "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Ederot Ben Maimon, 10-1, 5-6.
1) Watercolours and drawings by Sionah Tagger. 2) Oils and gouaches by Eliahu Sizard. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent Exhibition on the grounds of the Jerusalem Convention Centre, 10-1, 4-6.
Woodcuts, wooden masks, drawings by Abraham Yakin. Israel Touring Club, Talbieh. Visiting hours: Sunday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m. Entrance free.
Permanent archaeological exhibition at the Department of Antiquities. Visiting hours: Sundays-Thursdays 9 a.m.-1p.m.; 3-5 p.m. Fridays and eves of holidays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

★ Theatre: —
Habimah, "Pandra the Hero," Edison, 9 p.m.

★ Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building. King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

Italian specialities, lunch, dinner, music. Lucky's Bar, 9 Allenby Rd.

★ Exhibitions: —
"Maskit" Israel Village Arts and Crafts. Recent Paintings by Arie Aroch and Ephira Ilin. New acquisitions by the Museum. Tel Aviv Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
Autumn Exhibition at the Art Pavilion of the Painters and Sculptors Association, 9 Rehov Albarizi, daily 10-1, 4-7 except Fridays.

★ Theatre: —
Chamber Theatre, "The Good Soul of Szechuan" Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor," New Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.
Habimah, "Medea," Habimah, 8 p.m.
Ohel, "Eldorado." 8 p.m.

★ Folk Dancing: —
Y.O.A. House at 8.30 p.m. including Square Dancing.

RAMATAYIM

★ Theatre: —
Kopi Hive Vert a Tale—Yiddish Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

RISHON-LE-ZION

★ Theatre: —
Benzion Witler and Shifra Lerer, "The Singing Blacksmith," 8.45 p.m.

TIBERIAS

★ Theatre: —
Do-Re-Mi, "Holiday in Venice," Aviv, 8.15 p.m.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Batiah, 8 Strauss, 2811. Valero, German Colony, 4740.
TEL AVIV: Breiman, 55 Allenby, 62261. Aliya, 22 Ha'aliya, 64666. Mercus Hatzafon, 200 Ben Yehuda, 22923. Kassial, 147 Ibn Gabirol, Migdal Shalom, 63333. Migdal Ohr, 67867. JAFFA: Brizi, 6 Rehov 3, 82828. RAMLEH: Lezion, Kartan. HOLON: Brizi, 104 Sokolow.
HAIFA: Schar, 2 Arlosoroff, 6621. International, 49 Ha'atzmaut, 2666. HEFZAT HOTEKIN: Motskin, 7203. KAFAD: Ha'ari. NAHARIYA: Mercus.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. L. Romanoff, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217. Dr. S. Greenwald, 22 Bin Nun, 62963. Dr. N. Ehrenfeld, 34 Ramban, 4280.
TEL AVIV: Dr. I. Grifiel, 5 Ben Yehuda, 23496. Dr. Levitan, 11 Hagordon, 26207. Dr. M. Shaham, 3 Ryrkin, 25942. Dr. N. L. Sacher, 54 Sokolow, 26284.
HAIFA: Dr. Bitzki, 7 Ethud, 3199. Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Bnei, 67417.

Complaints Against Drivers on Increase

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — Complaints against local taxi drivers who overcharge and treat their passengers discourteously are increasing. The Taxi Drivers Association intends to tighten measures against such drivers, their spokesman said. Every two weeks membership tribunals are held, and if a driver is found to have offended, "sanctions" may be imposed on him. About 600 taxi drivers are members of the Association here.

Most numerous complaints concern overcharging and demanding a fee where it is not due. Drivers often charge "waiting time" after three or four minutes, although their regulations state that "waiting time up to 15 minutes is free of charge." Many demand extra payment if they carry more than two passengers. Only when more than four persons travel may a driver charge an extra 20 per cent. Some drivers "forget" that a taxi can be hired at IL3 per hour for a journey not exceeding 10 kilometres, and that each additional kilometre costs the passenger 180 pruta.

Some drivers feel that rain is a good reason for increasing fares. Their regulations, however, say nothing about weather conditions, and therefore passengers are not obliged to pay more. Another reason for some drivers to raise their fares by as much as they deem fit is the late hour. Persons coming from entertainment centres are the most frequent victims here.

Tourists, particularly if wealthy looking, are apparently the best targets for drivers with get-rich-quick ideas. An official of PATWA here arranged for the taxi journey of a person from the Port to the Hadar Hacarmel, including some luggage. The driver told him that the cost would be IL1.900, but when it came to paying at the end of the journey, the newcomer was charged IL2.500.

The "sherut" which means "service" is often anything but that. Some drivers have kept six passengers waiting for the seventh and last, for a quarter of an hour or more. Before being full, the taxi does not budge. Meanwhile the passenger's bus may long have reached its destination.

Although the regulations say that the late-at-night price comes into force only after 11:45 many drivers are not keen on punctuality. One "sherut" driver at the Central Carmel had his taxi full at 11.35, but waited till the last bus had left. He then calmly charged the "night rate" of 500 pruta per person, which is twice the ordinary price. When the passengers protested, he told them they could walk if they liked. A complaint was made to the Association, but no answer was received from them after a month. On enquiry, passengers were told the driver had since been called to the Reserves, and nothing could yet be done about it.

The Taxi Drivers Association, though aware of the increase in complaints, said that many never reached it. Though its handling of offenders is sometimes not satisfactory, only by complaining to the Association (Tel. 4131) could the taxi travelling public help improve service and get a fair deal, it claimed.

NEW CHIEF RABBIS IN HOLLAND

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM, (By Air Mail).— Rabbi A. Schuster was recently inducted into office as Chief Rabbi here on the first anniversary of the death of Chief Rabbi Justus Tal. The new incumbent was born and educated in Amsterdam.

Two days earlier, Rabbi B. Benedikt was inducted into office as Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of The Hague. He came to Holland two years ago from Tel Aviv. Both Chief Rabbis are members of Mizrahi.

LEBANON PASSES LITANI LOAN

The Lebanese Parliament has approved the World Bank's $2.7m. loan for the Litani River project, the Arab News Agency reported last week.

TO HELL AND BACK

Military Rule Committee Hears Moslem M.K.'s

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The committee appointed by the Prime Minister to study the question of military rule in Israel yesterday in Haifa began hearing the testimony of the five Moslem and Druse members of the Knesset, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

By last Thursday, the deadline for the submission of written material, the committee received nearly 200 letters from Christians, Moslems, and Druse, as well as Jews from all over the country. The letters include statements of the writers' views and about half of them expressed the wish to testify personally.

The Committee, which began its hearings last Wednesday in Haifa, on its own initiative invited some 70 persons to give testimony. All material submitted and testimony heard will be kept confidential.

M.K.'s Branding Charge Fizzling Out

Mr. Yousef Khamis, M.K. (Mapam) who alleged in his maiden speech in the Knesset, on November 29, that a Deputy Military Governor had branded a resident of Sahnin village with a white hot iron, has informed the Ministry of Defence of an incident that occurred five years ago, in 1950, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday. Mr. Khamis supplied this information after receiving several requests to give details of the incident referred to in his speech.

It is believed that the allegation may have referred to an incident in which an Army sergeant struck a resident of the village (not with a white hot iron). As soon as the incident became known, the Ministry of Defence instituted an investigation as a result of which the soldier involved was discharged from the Army.

SCENES SHOWING current developments in tourism will shortly be shown as part of Geva newsreels, according to an agreement signed recently between the Government Tourist Corporation and the film company. The recent visit of "Mrs. America" to this country will be the first event to appear on the screen.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

422, 249, 33.5 & 41.9 M.
News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 p.m. & 12.00 midnight. Arabic Programme (including News): 5 a.m., 2.15 & 6.00 p.m.
6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.
12.00 N. "Music at Noon." Al Jolson (Vocalist) (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Don Gillis: Short Overture to an unwritten Opera; Barber: Cello Concerto (soloist: Sarah Nelsova); Rimsky-Korsakow: Sinfonietta on Russian Themes (conducted by Henry Swoboda). 1.45 Light Notes (R). 2.30 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.15 Light Music (R). 4.45 Children's Hour. 5.00 Musical Miniatures. 5.20 Ba'Oholey Tora. 5.30 Youth programme. 6.30 "Evening Star." Lily Pons (Soprano) (R). 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Concert by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger; Soloist: Esther Tugendhaft. Works by Donizetti/Auber, Thomas, P. Ben-Haim & Lavry. 7.45 Series of Lectures by Gad Frankel. 8.00 Curtain Up: L'Avare by Molière. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Telling Tunes. 10.00 From the Treasures of the Aggadah. 10.15 Chamber Music. Stutchevsky: "Music from Times Past" — Piano Trio, played by Arieh Sachs — Piano, E. Barker — Violin, and Stutchevsky — Cello. 11.00 Requests for Light Music. 11.30 Music of Operetta and Films. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

407, 460, 235, 216, 43.9 & 33.3 M.
English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m.
French News: 2.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew Lesson for Ulpanim. 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Persian. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): (South Africa Programme). 6.30 News. 6.40 Newsreel. 6.50 Choirs of the Negev. 7.00 Yiddish Programme. 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Newsreel. 11.35 Choirs of the Negev. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.00 News. 7.10 "Limelight." 7.30 Among the Flags. 8.00 Weekly Symphonic Concert. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.42, 16.98, 25.15 M.): 7.30 8.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Echoes from the World.

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
"OHEL SHEM," TEL AVIV, Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, at 8 p.m. SHARP
MOZART
Bicentennial Celebrations
REQUIEM
Adagio and Fugue for Strings
"Ave Verum"
for Choir and Orchestra
Conductor:
Eytan Lustig
Soloists:
Lotte Laufer (Soprano)
Rema Samsonoff (Contralto)
Joseph Pollak (Bass),
and the
Tel Aviv Chamber Choir
TICKETS from IL2 to IL6, at the I.P.O. Offices, 36 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv, 11-2, 4-6 daily.

Shocks in British League Soccer

By KEITH BEECHER

Manchester United moved into a three point lead at the head of the English League Div. 1 table on Saturday following a 4-1 away win over West Bromwich Albion, as Portsmouth shocked Blackpool into a 3-2 defeat before their own supporters. Level with the seasiders stand Burnley, who held Everton to a 1-1 draw in an away fixture.

The lowly placed sides in this Division did well. Huddersfield Town provided the thrill of the card by beating honours-aspirants Sunderland by 4-0, Tottenham Hotspur kept in the running for an escape from the danger zone with a 2-1 victory over visiting Luton Town, while Sheffield United shook Birmingham City on their own ground, 2-0. Charlton Athletic stayed near the leaders, level in points with Sunderland (28), with a 3-1 win over Bolton Wanderers.

Sheffield Wednesday moved into top place in Division II with a decisive 4-0 victory over Stoke City. Bristol City slipped into second spot after losing 2-1 at home to Norwich City. Level with the City are Liverpool, 2-1 winners at bottom-placed Hull (as a result of two goals netted in the last 10 minutes), and Swansea Town, slammed 5-1 by the "Hammers" at West Ham. Leicester City shook Blackburn Rovers by winning 3-2 on the latter's ground.

Leyton Orient are two points in front of nearest rivals, despite a 1-1 draw at Exeter, in the Third Division (South), with 33 to the 31 of Brighton and Hove Albion (4-0 winners over Northampton) and Ipswich Town, who pushed themselves into the promotion race following a 3-2 home win over Newport County. It's neck and neck between Grimsby Town and Accrington Stanley in Division III (North), both of whom have 32 points, following a 3-0 win at home by Grimsby over Chesterfield and a 2-1 victory over Darlington by Accrington. Their nearest rivals lie four points away.

Queens Park Way Ahead

In the Scottish League, Celtic went two points ahead with a great 3-2 away result over Hibernian. Hearts of Midlothian came up to second, two points away with 21, following a 4-2 win at Kilmarnock, while Glasgow Rangers moved into a third challenging position, with 20 points from 14 games (two less than the leaders). Aberdeen chalked up their first victory since October 22, in the Cup Final, by slamming Airdrieonians, 7-2, in a welcome return to form. Queens Park, the 100 per cent amateur team, moved six points into the lead of Division B, with a commendable 1-1 draw at Cowdenbeath, who, with Ayr United, 4-1 losers at Stenhousemuir, lie next.

RESULTS, ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIV. I: Birm'gham 3, Sheff. U. 2; Blackp'l 2, Portsm'th 1; Cardiff 1, Aston V. 0; Charlton 3, Bolton 1; Chelsea 2, Arsenal 0; Everton 1, Burnley 1; Huddersf'ld 4, Sunderl'd 0; Man. C. 2, Wolves 2; Newcastle 5, Preston 0; Tottenham 2, Luton 0; West Brom. 1, Man. U. 4. DIV. II: Barnsley 3, Fulham 0; Blackb'n 3, Leic. C. 2; Brix. C. 3, Notts. C. 3; Bury 3, Linc. C. 2; Done. R. 2, Brix. R. 1; Hull 1, Liverp'l 1; Middl'sbro 5, Leeds 2; Notts. F. 3, Plym'th 1; Port V. 4, Rotherham 1; Sheff. W. 4, Stoke 1; West Ham. 5, Swansea 1. DIV. III (S): Brent'd 2, Bournem'th 1; Brighton 4, N'hampton 0; Coventry 5, Norwich 2; Crystal P. 1, Ald'shot 0; Exeter 1, Leyton 1; Ipswich 3, Newp't 2; Road'g 4, Millwall 1; Shrewsb'y 1, Swindon 1; S'hampton 4, Q.P.R. 0; Southend 4, Colch'ter 0; Walsall 1, Torquay 4; West'd 8, Gillingham 1. DIV. III (N): Accr'gton 8, Darl'ton 1; Barrow 4, Gateshd 0; Brad'd 3, Rochdale 2; Carl'le 6, Tranmere 3; Chester 1, Scunth'p 2; Crewe A. 2, Mansf'ld 1; Derby 2, Wrexham 0; Grimsby 3, Chesterf'ld 0; Work'gton 2, Brad. C. 1; York 5, Halifax 0. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIV. A: Aberd'n 7, Airdrie 2; Clyde 1, Falk'k 2; Dundee 5, Hib. 1; St. Mirren 1; Hibs. 7, Celtic 3; Kilm'nock 2, Hearts 4; Motherwell 6, Raith 1; Qun. p 8th. 3, Partick 2; Rangers 6, Dunfermline 0; Stirl'g 0, Dundee 6.

Top and bottom positions in the English Leagues are: DIV. I: Man. U. 30; Blackpool and Burnley, 27; Sunderland and Charlton, 26. . Sheff. U. 17, Aston V. 16, Tottenham 15, Huddersf'ld 14. DIV. II: Sheff. W. 28, Liverp'l, Brix. C. and Swansea, 27. . . Hull 12, Flym'th, 14, Bury, 14, West Ham, 13. DIV. III (S): Leyton, 33, Brighton and Torquay, 31, Ipswich and N'hampton, 30. . . Swindon, 12, Walsall, Q.P.R. and Millwall, 15. DIV. III (N): Grimsby and Accrington, 33, Derby and Southport, 29. . . Mansf'ld 7, 14, Barrow, 13.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

DEC. 25, 1955

Pop. Loans	
1950/09 (IL.20)	991
4½% Tevel Dollar x/73	79
4% Comp. Loan 56/67	853
3½% War Loan 54/59	87
3½% Gov. Bds (large)	997
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	941
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	951
Pal Electr Bds Ser. 8	794
Bk. Leumi ord.sh.	233
A.F.I. Investm.	
ord sh "B"	2091
Gesit ord. sh. "B"	101
Ellern's Inv. ord. d)	159
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	201½
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	781
Discr 4% Debs. 58/68	97½
Nir 4% Debs. (bearer)	85½
5% regd. sh.	81½
Pass 4% Debs. 62/64 reg	80
"Invs" 5% Debs.	83½
I.I.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	2185
5% Debs.	85½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	84½
Hassuv 6% pref. ord sh.	83½
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	242
"A" ord. shares	1220
Pal. Electr. ord. sh. (reg.)	270
6½% P.E.C. Debs 57/64	203 *
	1041**
Mekorot pref. sh.	77
4th ord. "B" sh.	120½
6-8% conv. debs.	91½
"Kurdanah" ord. "B"	127
7% conv. debs. 59/68	94½
Keller-Dor ord.sh. reg. x	900
Pal. Brewery 6% con.sh.	83½
Assia Dejarano "B" sh.	139½
"Tevs" ord. sh.	1364
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	106
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	143
ord. sh. reg. (full div.)	221½
Pal. Cantz. Tr 5% debs.	96

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) cost ing price; c) ex coupons; d) ex dividend; e) ex right; x) in % of IL2.500; y) 15.6./15.12; * Dollar; ** Index.

NEW DRIVING TESTS JAN. 1

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The new driving licensing regulations, published in "Reshumot" of December 15, will come into force with the new year, Mr. M. Bar, Controller of Road Transport, told the press here last week. There were 100,000 licensed drivers in the country, not counting those in the armed forces and the police, Mr. Bar said, and the licensing procedure held over from Mandatory times was no longer compatible with the power, speed and technical developments of vehicles.

A greater differentiation in the driving, psychotechnical and health tests for drivers of the various types of vehicles will be introduced with the new regulations.

Notices to the Public

Notice to Owners of Radio Sets

The Post Office announces that as from Dec. 31, 1955 reminders will not be sent to owners of radio sets. The charge has been made in order to limit administrative expenses.

Owners of radio sets whose licences are due to expire on Dec. 31 are requested to renew them immediately. Those who do not renew them by Feb. 15, 1956 will be charged an additional 20%. The expiring licence must be presented when applying for a renewal.

Persons with Clearing Accounts in the Bank Hadoar may renew their licences through the Bank upon submitting the expired licence.

Reforming Law-Breakers

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Almost 80 per cent of the 257 ex-convicts cared for by the Society for the Rehabilitation of Prisoners during its first year of existence have been reintegrated into society, Chief Magistrate B. Giladi, Chairman of the Society, has told a press conference here.

The organization, which does not handle hard-core social or psychological cases, endeavours to help the ex-criminal find his way back into normal society in such a manner as to prevent a recurrence of the objective factors which helped to bring about his earlier delinquency.

Though it is mostly the habitual criminal who turns to the Society for assistance upon his release from prison, the organization is chiefly interested in first-time offenders, where the chances for successful rehabilitation are much better. The most dangerous period for the ex-convict is immediately following his release when he suffers from a feeling of inferiority and emotional conflicts which make him an easy prey to temptation, Mr. Giladi said.

Mr. Ram Salomon, former Commissioner of Prisons and Vice-Chairman of the Society, told his audience that about 5,000 persons pass through prison every year.

THE LONDON & EDINBURGH INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953 AND 1954

1953 £	LIABILITIES	£	1954 £
	SHARE CAPITAL:		
1,000,000	*Authorized:* 1,000,000 Shares of £1 each		1,000,000
300,000	*Issued:* 300,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each fully paid		300,000
50,000	GENERAL RESERVE		100,000
48,037	BALANCE OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		35,521
398,037			435,521
	LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS:		
234,584	Marine Fund	271,936	
32,069	Aviation Fund	33,135	
	Fire and General Accounts: —		
301,267	Provision for unexpired risks	341,043	
	Estimated Liability for outstanding claims (less Reinsurance Recoveries)	475,863	
407,330	Amounts due to Agents, Brokers and other Companies	569,190	
577,890	Reserves retained from Reinsurers	518,407	
519,515	Sundry Creditors, including Taxation on Profits to date	139,657	
151,252	Proposed Dividend (Net)	12,937	
8,250			
2,338,237			2,362,168
£2,824,274			£2,797,689

1953 £	ASSETS	£	1954 £
32,772	LOANS ON PUBLIC RATES		67,772
	INVESTMENTS:		
428,778	British Government Securities	481,856	
	Municipal and County Securities, United Kingdom	157,243	
157,243	Commonwealth (other than U.K.) Government Securities	422,622	
263,395	Foreign Government Securities	147,380	
76,131	Debenture Stock	792	
732	Preference and Guaranteed Stock	1,760	
1,760	Ordinary Stocks	78,926	
85,818			1,353,351
986,689			
1	SHARES IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANY, at cost, less amounts written off		1
6,987	FIXTURES, FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT, at cost, less depreciation		7,884
	SUNDRY CURRENT ASSETS:		
667,830	Amounts due from Agents, Brokers and other Companies	536,937	
246,769	Reserves retained by coding Companies	294,778	
27,138	Sundry Debtors	4,781	
4,434	Interest Accrued (Gross)	2,600	
690,436	Cash at Bank and in Hand	597,557	
1,630,577			1,436,653
£2,624,274			£2,797,689

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953 AND 1954

1953 £		1954 £
	Interest and Dividends (Gross) not credited to other Accounts	19,944
17,931	Transfer Fees	2
4	Transfer from Revenue Accounts —	
64,400	Fire and General	91,634
16,500	Marine	11,500
—12,500	Aviation	—
— 4,441	Profit on sales of Investments	7,276
£ 81,954		£130,446
£		£
30,858	Balance brought forward from last year	43,037
81,429	Balance brought down	129,921
	Transfer from Provision for Depreciation of Investments	—
35,000		
£ 147,287		£171,958

1953 £		1954 £
335	Auditors' Fees (subject to confirmation by Shareholders)	335
81,429	Balance carried down	129,921
£ 81,954		£130,446
£		£
47,000	Provision for Taxation on Profits	72,500
50,000	Transfer to General Reserve	50,000
8,250	Proposed Dividend to Shareholders at 7½% (less tax) for year to December 31, 1954	12,937
43,037	Balance carried forward	35,521
£ 147,287		£171,958

ISRAEL AGENCY ANNUAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953 AND 1954
(Adjusted to the nearest IL)

DEBIT 1953		1954
IL2,442	Loss transferred from General Insurance Revenue Accounts	—
—	Net Profit transferred to Appropriation Account, Head Office	IL6,191
IL2,442		IL6,191

CREDIT 1953		1954
—	Profit transferred from General Insurance Revenue Accounts	IL7,346
IL. 371	Interest not credited to other accounts	IL. 945
IL2,071	Loss transferred to appropriation Account Head Office	—
IL2,442		IL6,191

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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Intermittent showers, becoming partly cloudy.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Chiz'on	17	—	10	16
Tiberias	79	12	25	19
Haifa Port	68	13	17	16
Natanya	67	12	16	17
Tel Aviv Kiryа	68	11	20	17
Tel Aviv Port	64	12	20	17
Lydda Airport	62	10	19	17
Jerusalem	70	9	19	14
Beersheba	57	11	17	16
Eilat	65	15	20	19

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Mist (mm. rain). C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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A HEAVY hail storm broke over the phosphate works in the Negev for 25 minutes yesterday. The hail and heavy rains have caused the wadis of the southern Negev to overflow, flooding roads and impeding traffic. There was no rain in Beersheba and the western Negev.

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THE S.S. HADAR left Haifa last night with 60,000 cases of citrus fruit for Russia.

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TWO BROTHERS, Joseph, 8, and Rene, 5, of the Ir Hamlifratz ma'barot, near Acre, were injured when an object with which they were playing exploded on Friday afternoon. They were taken to Rambam Hospital.

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TWO YOUNG hunters, who went looking for wild geese in the rainwater pools near the Popular Housing estate in Holon were arrested on Saturday for using firearms in a residential area. The boys were charged and released in bond.

BECKER'S WAGE PLAN DISCUSSED WITH LERNER

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Recommendations on wage policy made by Mr. A. Becker, M.K., head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, last Friday, were discussed by members of the department together with Prof. Abba Lerner, Adviser to the Ministry of Finance here today. It was decided that the proposals could form a basis for the solution of the wage question and it was decided to hold another meeting next Wednesday.

Couple Fined For Child's Death

NAZARETH, Sunday. — It took exactly two years to mete out justice to the two owners of a building plot here, whose negligence cost a child his life, when he drowned in the unguarded cistern they had dug on the site.

A day before Christmas 1953, five-year-old Sami Shorshi, who was playing on the plot with neighbourhood children, fell into the cistern in which rainwater had gathered, and drowned. Only in October 1955 did the prosecution bring to court the case against the owners, Na'if Murani and his wife Salima.

On Friday, the Relieving President of the District Court, Judge Shalom Kassan, found them guilty under Section 218 of the Penal Code and fined both IL200 each, with the alternative of two months imprisonment, and imposed on the husband a suspended three months sentence. The judge took into consideration the age of the accused — both are over fifty — and the lapse of time since the child's death. He also granted them the right to appeal.

The accused were defended by Mr. Nimr Hawari, who pleaded that the child was to be regarded as a "trespasser." The parents of the boy will probably now file a civil suit for damages.

Supreme Court Rejects Appeal by Brothers

The Supreme Court sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeals yesterday rejected the appeal of Natan and Yitzhak Schreiber who were sentenced by the Jerusalem District Court to 10 years in prison for the theft of IL22,250 from the Jerusalem branch of the Hapoel Mizrahi Vehisachon Bank in April last year, for robbing the Beit Hanesheh Hayerushalmi and for attacking the cashier of the Cooperative Restaurant in Jerusalem in another attempted robbery.

The two brothers had refused legal counsel in their trial in the District Court. In rejecting the appeal, the Court stated that the prisoners were undeserving of the clemency they were given when their sentences were handed down.

The Court consisted of Justices Goitein, Landau and Witkon. *(Him)*

Police to Examine Charges Against Freilich

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — The police are to investigate the case against the senior municipality official, Mr. Zecharia Freilich, whom a local cinema manager has charged with corruption, and who in turn filed a libel suit against his detractor. When the cinema manager later published an apology, Mr. Freilich's lawyer asked the court to cancel the case. The Chief Magistrate granted the request.

The City Hall's Public Relations Committee had earlier investigated the charges against Mr. Freilich, who is Director of the Department of Licences and Indirect Taxes, found some witnesses unwilling to tell all they knew and finally recommended that Mr. Freilich must sue the cinema manager for libel or face dismissal. The Committee expected that the full truth would come to light in court, but the withdrawal of the libel case after the apology had been made thwarted these hopes.

In his last Report, the State Comptroller recommended that the case be turned over to the District Attorney to decide whether there was cause for legal action. The Committee's protocol contained statements which alleged that the Atamon Cinema had sold tickets without tax stamps, that the Municipality had printed 14,000 tickets without authority, and other acts contravening regulations whose enforcement was entrusted to Mr. Freilich.

Senior Civil Servant's Dismissal Called 'Arbitrary' by Colleagues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The result of an unfortunate misunderstanding" is what Dr. S. Btesh, Director-General of the Ministry of Health, called the public uproar aroused by the rumoured dismissal of Mr. H. S. Halevi, Deputy Director-General in Charge of Administration.

But the "unfortunate misunderstanding" — the projected dismissal of Mr. Halevi and his replacement by Mr. Z. Vishinsky, Mapam representative on the Executive of Kupat Holim — was denounced by the Ministry staff as an arbitrary and completely unjustified political juggling of personnel.

"Mr. Halevi's discharge was mentioned only as part of a general reorganisation programme initiated by the new Minister, Mr. Y. Barzilai," Dr. Btesh told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

On Wednesday, there was a spontaneous staff meeting in Jerusalem to protest the action, and the following day, the newly elected staff committee marked its first day of office by lodging a sharp protest with the Minister.

A meeting between the committee and Dr. Btesh yesterday proved inconclusive, and the Minister and the committee are to meet tonight to review the question of Mr. Halevi's future with the Ministry and the overall problem of future administrative dismissals.

Mr. Halevi yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* this his first knowledge of the impending change was a verbal message last Monday from Dr. Btesh to the effect that the new Minister intended replacing him and that no alternative position was foreseen for him in the Ministry. Though he has since been sounded out in connection with another post in the Ministry, Mr. Halevi stated that under no conditions would he accept any appointment which involved a loss of standing or of grade and that he would fight his dismissal with every legal means at his disposal.

When asked if he knew of any possible reason behind his dismissal, Mr. Halevi said that, aside from the perfunctory shalom exchanged between them when the Minister first assumed office, no word had ever passed between himself and Mr. Barzilai. Mr. Halevi denied that he was a member of any political party, but said that in all likelihood his political views were not identical with those held by the Mapam Minister.

The Civil Servants Union, in connection with Mr. Halevi's case, yesterday announced that it would not accept any dismissals which had not been first reviewed by representatives of the employees, as guaranteed under the Union's agreement with the Civil Service Commission.

Lungs Being Tested By Mobile Machine

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — Kupat Holim's first mobile minograph in the North made its first appearance here today to X-ray about 300 teachers of the city and district. It is to remain for several days to complete the examination of more than 1,000 local teachers. From here, it will be used in prisons in this area and then will go to Western and Upper Galilee. So far, the minograph has toured industrial plants where it has photographed the lungs of hundreds of workers and saved them much time that would have been wasted had they to go to an X-ray centre.

The minograph cuts red tape to a minimum. It has its own diesel generator and can work with that or be connected to a 220-volt electric cable. Two men, the truck driver-electrician and an X-ray technician, are all the personnel required. The films, with each reel comprising 300 photos, are developed in the van within an hour, and persons whose lungs are not absolutely clear are requested to have another larger photo taken at a stationary clinic.

The minograph was donated to Kupat Holim by the New York and Philadelphia *landsmanschaften* organisation.

Paintings He Took Were Not Exhibited

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The paintings which Yosef Zaritzky showed in the Amsterdam Museum of Modern Arts last autumn were not those which he took with him from Israel. He explains that, "When I arrived in Paris, on my way to Holland 18 months ago, I realised that the work I had done in Tel Aviv could not be exhibited in Europe.

"I could not tell what was wrong with it. 'Provincial' is not the word. We are not provincial in Israel. But we are somehow out of contact with the main stream of artistic thought. We know what is going on without realising its impact on the artist. Reproductions and books are all right, but when you are suddenly confronted with the works of great creative artists whom you had only known by hearsay, you feel changed."

Instead of going directly to Amsterdam, where he had been invited to exhibit, Zaritzky stopped in Paris and took a studio not far from Montparnasse, and set to work. Within a year he had painted 18 pictures in oil. Although he did not know French, he hardly felt himself a stranger in Paris. He met French, Jewish and Israeli artists — and he looked at pictures. It was a most stimulating experience.

But Amsterdam was even more stimulating than Paris, Zaritzky spent almost four months there before his exhibition took place. Amsterdam was fascinating. "Those soothing mists, the age-old aloofness — well, in Amsterdam you can understand why the Dutch can use red with such assurance!" In Amsterdam Zaritzky painted eight more pictures.

The exhibition was "not unfavourably" received by the Dutch press, and the Amsterdam Museums Society bought eight of his pictures. A Jewish historical museum in the city also bought a picture.

Back home more than a fortnight ago, Zaritzky now plans to go to Paris again. His Amsterdam exhibition will be shown in Belgium, he says. It may also be shown in Paris.

Umbrella Protest Rained Out

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Herut members carried out an "umbrella" demonstration yesterday morning near the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem to protest the Government's foreign policy.

The umbrellas, which were meant to symbolize Chamberlain's policy of appeasement, lost most of their effect when it began raining and the umbrellas were used for protection, not for propaganda.

After they had been warned that the demonstration was illegal, the demonstrators dispersed quietly.

Three New Members In Language Academy

Three new members of the Hebrew Language Academy were elected at the plenary session of the Academy last Wednesday. They are Mr. Yehezkel Kutscher, Jerusalem, and Professors H. Ginsburg and Saul Lieberman, New York. Three advisory members were also elected. They are Professor Yisrael Efrat, Tel Aviv, and Professors Shraga Irmai and Avraham Kariv, Haifa.

At the same session, the discussion on the rules for the transliteration of Latin letters into Hebrew was concluded. The results of the deliberations are to be formulated and the rules will shortly be published.

Encouraging Signs Of Disinflation—Barth

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Symptoms of a disinflationary trend have been apparent lately, Dr. A. Barth, General Manager of the Bank Leumi, told the press yesterday, as a result the Bank Leumi felt the time right to embark on its own savings project. Dr. Barth considered especially encouraging the stability of the quantity of the means of payment following the publication of the Horowitz report, the success of the Palestine Electric Corporation issue of shares and the unexpectedly wide response to the Savings in Groves Project. He also thought that the low Hanukka sales this year showed that the public was not as bent on spending money as before but was becoming "savings-minded." He hoped that the savings scheme would encourage the public not to "keep money in stockings" but to save it in the banks.

A tax-free cumulative savings scheme which has been launched by the Bank Leumi went into operation last Friday. The offer consists of parallel projects, depending on the size of the deposit.

In the first part, the saver will be sold a bearer savings certificate for any sum between IL500 and IL5,000, carrying a premium of 21-2/3 per cent over three and a half years. In the second part, registered certificates will be issued for smaller sums starting from IL10 or any multiple of that sum, the saver being permitted to deposit at any time without being bound to a fixed monthly sum. Both certificates pay 5.75 per cent compound interest.

If a small saver cannot afford IL10, he may open a special account and save until he reaches the basic sum required for the purchase of a certificate. If the saver collects registered certificates of IL500 or more, he can switch to a bearer certificate.

Draft Law Promised

Although at the present moment interest accruing on capital invested in either of these certificates is exempt from income tax as capital gains, this need not necessarily remain so indefinitely. The Ministry of Finance has therefore agreed to submit a draft law ensuring the exemption from income tax of all income derived from authorised saving schemes as long as the interest accrued results from capital amounting to less than IL5,000 per person.

Holders of registered certificates may withdraw their savings at any time on 30 days' prior notice, and will receive interest at a scale graded by the bank according to the period the certificate was held — starting at 1.5 per cent for six months and progressing to 4.5 per cent for three years. Holders of bearer certificates may not withdraw their deposits before the allotted three and a half years, but the bank undertakes to establish a market in which these certificates will always be saleable. Interest gained on certificates redeemed before the allotted time is not exempt from income tax.

The Bank Leumi considered that a uniform savings programme should be inaugurated on all banks wishing to initiate savings schemes. This opinion, Dr. Barth said, had been expressed to the authorities, and the bank hoped that it would be adopted.

PEAK DAY

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A peak was reached today in the Palestine Discount Bank "premium savings" plan initiated a week ago, with the largest amount of money deposited yet, Mr. H. Bouris, a Bank spokesman, told *The Jerusalem Post* here today. Since last Sunday, an average of 100 accounts have been opened daily, consisting of about 65 monthly deposit accounts averaging IL25 each, the rest being one-time deposits of higher sums.

RAMAT GAN RAISES RATES BY 40 P.C.

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — The Ramat Gan Municipality tonight decided to raise municipal taxes for 1956/57 by 40 per cent in order to cover the budget deficit of IL1.8m.

The highest increases are in the general, refuse disposal and water rates, while the lowest are on industrial property and real estate.

Christmas Pilgrims Back Home

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Operation Christmas Crossing" came to a successful conclusion last night when 1,200 pilgrims returned to Israel through Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem. At 8.30 in the morning, the 34 German pilgrims, whose plane landed at Lydda Airport on Saturday evening owing to bad weather, were permitted to cross into Jordan to celebrate Christmas.

One Israeli, Mrs. Mary Elias Morkos, of Nazareth, is to return in 10 days with a son to whom she gave birth in Jordan. Her husband, who was not allowed to enter Jordan, could be seen at the barrier yesterday evening showing all the symptoms of an anxious father, eagerly questioning returning pilgrims about his son.

During the return crossing yesterday, a three-year-old Jordanian toddler, lost his way and entered Israel. The child, who was with relatives coming back to Israel, was returned to the Jordan authorities.

Most of the pilgrims came home laden with gifts, such as coconuts, apples, sweets, oriental delicacies which they carried in shopping bags, but few brought staples such as rice, flour, or sugar.

Police, who maintained walkie-talkie contact between the square in Mandelbaum Gate and the inspection tents in Rehov Shivtei Yisrael, kept the line flowing smoothly. This year, 80 policemen and 25 customs men were on duty, as compared with 10 policemen and 18 inspectors last year. Special arrangements were made for women with babies, invalids and blind persons to facilitate their crossing without queueing.

Mayor Gershon Agron and Mr. S.B. Yeshaya, Jerusalem District Commissioner visited the spot during the afternoon.

Jordan Again Bars Entry to Germans

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — After being refused permission by the Jordan authorities to land at Kalandia Airfield, the aircraft carrying 35 German pilgrims is to take off from here tomorrow morning for Nicosia. The pilot of the plane, Mr. V. Jeffries, said that he had a Jordanian permit to enter Jordan through the International Air Corridor over Israel. This permit was granted at the request of the Dusseldorf sponsors of the tour, 10 days before their departure, he said, and was endorsed in Athens on the way to Kalandia.

The British Air Attache, Wing Commander Bishop, came to the Airport this morning to arrange the flight to Kalandia. Although the Israel authorities agreed to the flight, Jordan again rejected the application, made by Wing Commander Bishop through consular channels to the Old City. The pilot therefore decided to leave for Nicosia from where he would renew the efforts to obtain Jordanian permission to land at Kalandia. The group had planned to leave Jordan on Wednesday for Damascus and from there to Beirut and Crete, returning to Dusseldorf on January 2. *(Him)*

Customers Queue Up To Buy Roses

A boy and girl of Kibbutz Mas'ot Haim in the Beisan Valley yesterday did a roaring trade in roses in the centre of Rehov Herzl in Haifa. Queues waited to buy the roses from the settlement's rose garden at 100 pruta apiece. In three hours, the couple sold 600 roses. The proceeds are to go to the Defence Fund.

Six hundred pounds was donated to the Fund as the result of a lawsuit in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

Mr. G. Zimmerman, of Jerusalem, had claimed IL400 from a Tel Aviv fishmonger, Mr. Y. Gluckman, for a refrigerator. On the suggestion of their counsels, Messrs. A. Levy and B. Nahir, it was agreed that the amount of the claim be paid to the Defence Fund by the defendant, while the claimant would add a contribution of IL500.

T.A MACCABI HOOPSTERS ENTER INT'L FINALS

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The success of the Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team in beating the Royal Four Brussels team by 64-29 in the International Basketball Christmas tournament in Brussels, has gained it entry into the finals. With a score of 29-16 in the first half, this was the Maccabi's first match against the Royal Four, which had already beaten the Tanhellenius team of Athens by 53-49. Earlier in the tournament, the Yugoslav team, Spartac, also beat Racing of Brussels.

When the Tel Aviv Maccabi played Royal Four at the Christmas tournament two years ago, it was beaten by the Brussels team, 18-11.

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Memorial Day For Victims of Nazis

Jerusalem Post Staff

Many hundreds of Jews from all parts of the country gathered on Mount Zion yesterday, the fast of the 10th of Tevet and also proclaimed as Memorial Day for the six million Jews martyred by the Nazis, to pay tribute to the memory of their murdered brethren.

Old and young made the difficult climb up the Mount to pray near the ashes and remains of their relatives and friends. Fresh green grass, following the recent rains, pushed up through every crack in the primitive paths and around the shattered buildings.

At the memorial service, prayers were chanted and *kaddish* said to a moved and responsive congregation. One white-bearded rabbi, recalling the fate of those who had perished, warned Israel not to place her faith in those Christian countries of "mistaken beliefs," but rather in the strength of our own Army and in the mercy of God.

The customary outdoor entrance to the Chamber of Destruction, where is preserved all that is left of a culture given a death blow in our time, was barred and the mourners descended to the cavelike basement through a low-ceilinged stairway, begrimed and sooted with the smoke of countless candles, to the room where the 31 jars of ashes from each of the 31 destroyed communities are kept. There they added lighted candles and joined in the singing of the traditional *Ani Ma'amin*.

In Tel Aviv, a memorial service was held at the Great Synagogue. The Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Rabbi I. Unterman, said that this day served to remind us of the destruction of the Second Temple, the many flourishing Jewish communities in Europe, and the six million victims of the Nazis.

Rabbi M. Nurok, M.K., said that helping make our country secure and giving to the Defence Fund were the best ways to honour the memory of the Nazis' victims.

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Christian and Jew Help Arab Patients

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jewish doctor and a Christian clergyman from New York are going to Nazareth this morning to present a package of drugs to the Scotch Presbyterian Hospital for the treatment of Arab patients, in a unique interfaith "mission of friendship" sponsored by the World Parliament of Religions, Inc.

The clergyman, Reverend Dr. Richard E. Evans, of the Presbyterian Labour Temple, of New York, who heads the mission, and Dr. Sholom Shakin, of the staff of Unity Hospital in New York, are to give the medicines to Dr. William D. Bathgate, head of the Nazareth hospital.

Dr. Evans, whose unstinting support for Israel and the Jewish cause in the pre-State days, has become a byword in interfaith work, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that there was a "sufficient reservoir of goodwill" to bring about peace in the Middle East.

Dr. Shakin, elaborating on the plan for peace, called for an international convention in Tangiers of religious leaders (Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef would be asked to represent the Arab side) to meet at a round table to discuss peace. Such men, unlike political leaders, could make great strides forward towards a common goal since they were not bound by considerations of "losing face."

As a focal point of the World Parliament of Religions, the Temple has played host to Hindus, Buddhists, Moslems, Confucians, Taoists, Jews and Christians. The World Interfaith Committee for Peace in the Holy Land was organized to implement the goals of the World Parliament of Religions in the Near East.

Other members of the mission are Miss Sarah E. Dickson, foster mother of Dr. Evans and the first Woman Elder in the history of the Presbyterian Church, who is travelling in a wheelchair following an injury a year ago; Mrs. Lawrence P. Naylor, of Baltimore, and the Reverend James G. Spence, Minister of the Second Presbyterian Church. With the exception of Dr. Shakin, who came yesterday from Istanbul, the party crossed into Israel at Mandelbaum Gate yesterday after a tour of Jordan.

TWO BROOKLYNITES ON BAR-ILAN COMMITTEE

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — Two Brooklynites have been elected officers of the Students Committee of Bar Ilan University. They are Mr. Zvi Lieber, of 778 East 19th Street, who was chosen treasurer, and Mr. Jacob Ukeles, of 947 East 12th Street, a member of the Committee. Both are graduates of the Flatbush Yeshiva.

The University's President, Dr. Pinchas Churgin, said that he encouraged the formation of a Students Committee as a means of instilling into the new school a group spirit such as exists in American colleges.

The President of the Students Committee is Mr. Ben-Zion Melamed, a graduate of Yeshiva Hayishuv Hehadash in Tel Aviv. Mr. Amos Tennenbaum of Bnei Brak was chosen secretary. The other committee members are Miss Esther Efrati of Tel Aviv, Mr. Emanuel Yisraeli of Tel Aviv, and Mr. Itzhak Stern, of Jerusalem.

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Agency Suspends Grant To S. African Revisionist Party

By a Special Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG, (By Air Mail).—The Jewish Agency has suspended its allocation to the local Revisionist Party pending a Court of Honour investigation by the South African Zionist Federation into the party's right to conduct a separate fund-raising campaign. The allocation is the Agency's compensation to the various party movements for forgoing their private fund drives.

At the recent extended Zionist Council meeting in Johannesburg, when the Israel Emergency Appeal was inaugurated, the Chairman of the Federation, Mr. Israel Dunsky, made an appeal to the Revisionists to throw their full weight into the emergency drive. He said that this was obviously the time to put aside factional interests and he assumed that under the circumstances the Court of Honour would not be convened. His remarks were greeted with thunderous applause, but the Revisionists, while pledging support, did not actually commit themselves on the private meetings at present being conducted by Mr. Ya'acov Meridor, Herut M.K., who has since gone ahead with his fund-raising tour.

Federation officials have accordingly announced that the Court of Honour trial will take place, and has been tentatively scheduled for the first part of January.

The Zionist Federation has prided itself that its Constitution has always put the needs of Israel and the community as a whole above all else. The trial will decide whether the Revisionists are within their rights according to the Constitution and certain precedents.

Brewster to Handle Mt. Scopus Affairs

Col. Charles Brewster, Chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, is to represent Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organisation, on matters concerning the Mt. Scopus area beginning on January 1, 1956.

Col. Brewster's replacement is expected to be Commander Terril, of the U.S. Navy, although, according to "Falastin," Old City daily, the Jordan Government has not yet given its approval to his appointment.

TOURIST CLASS AIR RATES UNCHANGED

Tourist-class airline fares on Europe-Israel flights will not be increased by five per cent as has been recommended by the International Air Travel Association, it was announced yesterday.

Following the meeting of the Association in September in Miami, Florida, representatives of the Ministry of Finance, the Government Tourist Corporation and El Al discussed the matter and decided to reject the proposal to raise the fares.

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THE city of Tel Aviv will be "going slow" as from tomorrow and the citizen will bear the brunt of a struggle which may well be something more than mere competition between two trade unions. Indeed all the ingredients of the situation, which brings the Histadrut and the Herut-sponsored "National" Federation of Labour to grips are symptomatic of a campaign to seize power by hook or by crook.

The struggle in Tel Aviv

Ostensibly the issue is that of common practice. The Government, the Municipalities and public institutions adhere to the general principle that whatever trade union has the largest membership among the workers in any particular place should represent the interests of all the workers. Although six lists vied for the favour of the civil servants in their elections last summer, there is no separate General Zionist or Herut or Hapoel Hamizrahi organization of civil servants, and the Histadrut Civil Service Department represents the interests of all government employees. The same practice prevailed in the Tel Aviv Municipality, where until quite recently three different trade unions organized the employees, the Histadrut, the Herut "National" Union and an "Independent" union more or less sympathetic to Herut. This was the position for many years, even before the establishment of the State, and the Mayor, always a General Zionist in Tel Aviv, never recognised the organization of General Zionist workers in municipal employ as the trade union of the employees concerned. The general practice, which also applies in the U.S., was applied, and the Histadrut, as the largest union concerned, was their sole representative in official negotiations.

The situation has changed considerably since the last elections. The General Zionists were able to retain the Mayoralty only by submitting to increased pressure of Herut. Mr. Moshe Ichilev, the Herut Deputy Mayor, is by far more energetic and press-minded than Mayor Haim Levanon, who is respected but not forceful. Nominations and promotions were made in the service without the usual consultations with the employees' committee. The nominees were in most cases Herut members or sympathizers. They were given key positions, which should enable them to change the aspect of the Municipality in a short time.

These political nominations are being made in a travesty of an "efficiency drive." The older employees were "ineffective," the Mayor and his Deputy declared. It was a good slogan, for the effectiveness of the Tel Aviv Municipal machine does indeed leave much to be desired, and the public can easily be persuaded to accept the argument. There is also the usual assault on the Histadrut, the representation of the Organization as an uncompromising bulldozer, crushing all independent movement or thought. This also may be accepted on its face value, by people who are only too ready to misunderstand the workings of the Histadrut.

The Tel Aviv Municipality employs about 4,750 persons, excluding the city's teachers, who are paid by the Government, though their wages are transmitted through the Municipality. About 2,500 of the municipal employees will not come to work tomorrow if the Mayor continues to recognize more than one trade union in the organization.

Herut's merger offer

For there is no way back for the Histadrut now, and the strike will continue whatever its consequences. For the Histadrut leaders the issue is not a local one. They see it in conjunction with other attempts of Herut to seize power. The recent offer by Herut for a merger with the General Zionists is clearly symptomatic. Herut's slogan since the last election has been "Onward to Power!" Its second line leaders have long been murmuring against "inactivity." Some of them were even suggesting that a deal be made with the Histadrut — to gain real power.

This course of events could not, of course, have been followed by the Herut leaders. They preferred the way of certain European dictators who, to gain power, made temporary agreements with the enemies of organised labour.

U.S. Support For Greek Government

From a Special Correspondent

ATHENS (O.F.N.S.). — OFFICIAL American sources in Athens, London and Washington continue to deny any direct U.S. intervention in attempts to reach a settlement in Cyprus — although nobody has denied that the Americans advised Greece to refrain from making a new appeal to the United Nations.

Nor is any confirmation to be found of the report that President Eisenhower himself has written personally to Sir Anthony Eden advising him to propose some further compromise to meet the continuing reluctance of Archbishop Makarios (with whom the Greeks have re-affirmed complete identity of views) to accept anything less than a reasonable time-limit for the application of the self-determination principle for Cyprus.

Greek hopes

But whether or not these reports of direct American intervention are true, it has become clear that the United States is far from adopting a policy of benevolent neutrality. By indirect means, it has given the Greek Government a fillip so powerful that no doubt can remain of the American opinion that the present regime in Greece is the one most likely to bring the Cyprus dispute to a calm and satisfactory conclusion; and the one most likely to resist the growing mood of benevolence towards Russia.

U.S. dollar aid to Greece for the current year, which is double the amount first offered, is news of first-rate importance. It is significant that the Opposition Press has not given it the prominence it deserves: the total aid for the year 1955-56 is a minimum of $76.8m. Of this sum, $15m. is a special loan repayable in 40 years at the very low rate of three per cent (four per cent if paid in drachmas).

The remaining $61.8m. is a gift to the Greek people. Some of it (and possibly an additional $12m.) will come in the form of gifts of agricultural produce. The rest — about $50m. — will be available in drachmas on the credit side of the Greek Budget. Thus, the balancing of the Greek Budget has been assured. And, more important, it has been ensured at a level which makes possible the fulfilment of the big development plans for hydro-electric, agricultural and mineral exploitation on which the Greek economy depends. Greece plans to spend well over $70m. on these big developments in the current year.

Election boost

No government could dream of a more significant boost four months before a general election. It is a gain not only in the prospects it offers of stable and progressive economic advances, which all Greeks are bound to share. It is a gain also in the sense that the Greeks recognize, or can be made to recognize during the electoral campaign, that they are not assured of continuing magnanimity of this vast order if a Government less attractive to the United States State Department should be returned to power.

By the side of this mammoth United States aid, the growing attempts of Russia to take advantage of the Cyprus-inspired coolness towards the West and Nato are made to seem puny and powerless. Not many Greeks are likely to be influenced by recent articles in Russian magazines talking vaguely of "expanding trade" and "traditional friendship," when the Americans are literally giving millions of Greeks their daily bread.

Whether or not the recent moves towards a settlement in Cyprus are successful, it is difficult to imagine that even a united Opposition can now hope to shift the Greek Rally Government at the polls. There is still no sign, however, in spite of an agreement between two of the Centre Parties, that the cooperation of all the opposition parties can be achieved.

German Tourists, whose plane on route from Germany to Jordan was forced by bad weather to land at Lydda Airport on Saturday prayed at midnight mass at Ratisbonne in Jerusalem. They crossed the lines yesterday morning after Jordan finally gave its permission.
Photo by Schlesinger

Megiddo Sale Wastes Tourist Asset

By GERDA LUFT

THE American tourist experts who visited this country a month ago were thrilled by Haifa's landscape and its development possibilities. They enquired into accommodation facilities. They found one good hotel on the Carmel which fitted the needs of international tourism — the Megiddo — and discovered that it had just been sold to Kupat Holim which is to make it a convalescent home for physicians.

The Tourist Corporation was galvanized into action, but it was already too late. The property had been sold, and was already being altered. The Carmel is left without a good tourist hotel at the very time everyone is talking about the necessity of developing tourism, when the Treasury has invested IL850,000 in the Accadia Hotel and when the supplementary budget allocates IL500,000 for the encouragement of tourism. It would not have taken a great sum to keep the Megiddo Hotel for the tourist trade.

The Megiddo was used as a staff college for the British forces in the Middle East during World War II, and its first post-war years as a hotel were difficult. Business did not pick up again until last year, when, under new management, it brought in approximately ten per cent of the foreign currency earned by our ten luxury-class hotels.

Early last summer, rumour had it that Kupat Holim was bidding for the Megiddo Hotel. It will be asked, of course, why the owners agreed to sell although they had every reason to believe that the business would continue to pay its way, since things had improved considerably during seven months under a new management. Well, half a million pounds are most tempting at a time cash can "unofficially" bring in 15 per cent no matter to whom you lend it. Even a well-managed hotel will not bring in more than eight or nine per cent on the capital invested.

Also among the group of owners was one foreign investor who held somewhat less than 50 per cent of the property. He wanted his share of the purchase money transferred abroad and to be confirmed by the Treasury. The transaction was also known to the Mayor of Haifa, and it is difficult to understand why the Treasury now denounces the deal after it is all over.

Kupat Holim is making ambitious alterations. The kitchen, planned for 300 persons, is being refitted at considerable cost. The rooms, which had just been provided with showers and re-equipped, will also be altered so as to house a greater number of guests. The rest house will therefore cost Kupat Holim IL400,000 more before the physicians, who complain of insufficient salaries, can spend their vacation there.

The Mayor of Haifa, at present in the U.S., is trying to find investors who will build a new hotel in Haifa, Kupat Holim, on the other hand, apparently aware of the criticism that has been levelled at the purchase, has announced that some rooms will be at the disposal of tourists who do not expect very much service. And at the top of Mount Carmel, the Bodenheimer Sanatorium, which used to attract people from abroad as well as from Israel, is also closed. It has been bought as a home for the aged by the Histadrut.

This is the last of four articles on tourism.

Yesterday's Press: T.A. Civil Servants

DISCUSSING the impending Tel Aviv Municipal workers' strike, "Davar" (Histadrut) writes that the issue is clear cut: to have the administration recognise the workers' organization and stop exploiting the existence of the 180 so-called "independent" followers of Herut, who have declined to take part in the strike. The reason for the failure of a united workers organization is the nature of the coalition and the Mayor's weakness with his subordinates.

"Herut" lashes out against the Histadrut which, in its view, has found nothing better to do at a time of emergency than fan the flames of strife among brothers. The aim of the Mapai Council is to force the "Red (Membership) Card" on the National Workers and to avenge its failure to obtain the mayoralty for Golda Myerson.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) alleges that the brunt of the newly increased taxes and rates in Tel Aviv is to be borne by the workers, while the well-to-do are getting away with a measly five-per-cent increase. An increase in population should normally mean lower rates, but the case is reversed in Tel Aviv. A new regime, led by the Labour parties, would help improve the city's economy by bringing waste down to the minimum, collecting outstanding arrears (to the tune of IL8m.), raising the tax on big business and increasing the rates on "idle" lots.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) observes that, without going into the merits of the General-Zionist-Herut merger proposal, it seems that the idea is attracting more interest from circles outside the parties concerned than the parties themselves. The paper derides the theatricals accompanying Mr. Begin's offer and feels that it will prove to be still-born, giving those who object to such a merger grounds for rejoicing.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Haavoda) writes that the Labour Movement can afford to view the flirting of Bernstein with Begin with equanimity provided it can close ranks and maintain a united resolve to intensify its labour-pioneer-security programme with a view to rallying not only the workers but most of Israel's citizenry as well.

"Haaretz" (non-party) writes that efficient civil servants can run an office under a Government Minister even if their political views are at complete variance with their employer's and that keeping such employees at their posts despite their party affiliations is a real mark of democracy in action. The new Minister of Health should not dismiss some of his workers only because they belong to another party.

KEEPING POSTED

THE Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, was received with exceptional warmth during his recent visit to the United States, perhaps because the Israel emergency was felt to be more than usually acute. He made a number of television appearances in various places. On one occasion, it seems, he was walking along the street in New York when he came face to face with a husky young man carrying crates of beer from a lorry into a shop. The man stopped, put down the crate, wiped one hand

carefully on the sides of his jeans, held it out to Mr. Sharett and said "I am glad to meet you, Mr. Sharett. I saw you on television and I thought you very good. You certainly gave it to them good and proper. My wife thinks so too." Then he picked up his empty crate and got back on the truck again.

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NOT so popular is Mr. Salah Salem, "the dancing major," who may be appointed Egypt's first minister to the Sudan despite the trouble he caused the last time he had anything to do with the Sudanese. One of the reasons that the officers' junta is not happy about him is that he is over-elegant, that he sports a knife-edge parting, wears his hair slicked down like a coat of black paint and never appears without his dark glasses, even in the evening. Dark glasses do become a habit with people, but this one is unfortunate in Cairo, because King Farouk was the last prominent Egyptian who could never make up his mind to abandon his sunglasses and let you see what was on his mind.

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THE many tourists who were unable to reach the Old City or Bethlehem for Christmas may be surprised to read an item of wishful thinking that appeared in "The Times" of London last Wednesday, several days before the holiday. It comes from the paper's correspondent from "Jerusalem (Jordan Side)," who is usually Mr. Stewart Perowne, one-time District Commissioner in Palestine, later political officer in Aden, and now with the Anglican Bishopric in the Old City. Hopefully he wrote:

> The Holy City is tranquil once more. The great gates stand open, streets are crowded, and gaily lit shops solicit Christmas customers.

Soon after the resignation of the Jordan Cabinet became known, notables in Jerusalem issued a statement saying that all demands had been met and that peace reigned, and urging people to return to their normal occupations. By one of those sudden transitions of mood which are such a baffling trait in the Arab character, crowds which a short time before had demonstrated against the American, French, and Italian consulates dispersed in smiling amity.

That was all HE knew.

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ONE of the saddest Christmas stories we have ever heard concerns a young American soldier who happened to find himself in Italy at this time and decided to take two weeks' leave to visit Bethlehem for the holiday. He arrived in Israel a week ago and had quite a good time sightseeing, though it was nothing riotous, farms and places, he says. Nicely kept but not much acreage, compared to the Middle West. Then he came to Jerusalem to arrange about going across the lines, only to be told by the American Consul that he would not be able to go owing to the disturbed conditions in Jordan at the moment. He tried to press the point, but it was no use. As a result he found himself sitting in a modest hotel in Jerusalem on Friday evening, and Friday evening in Jerusalem is about the worst time and place we can think of for any stranger on his own in search of entertainment. First he sat in the hotel lobby and watched two elderly men with beards engage in an endless conversation. They didn't have anything to drink except Russian tea. Presently a young man came in—he had only come to meet an elderly aunt. While he waited for the aunt he passed the time of day with the soldier and heard his sad tale. The young man said, well, they had a kind of party on, and the visitor would be most welcome. The soldier brightened up and asked was it a sort of Christmas party? The young man explained that, for us, Hanukka was over by more than a week, and that this was a play-reading.

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Reader's Letter

JAZZ AND MANNERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A jazz concert is a performance with the attributes of a concert.

Tony Crombie's band was excellent, its discipline high above the Hampton group, the ensemble playing on a high standard. But the public at the Edison Hall looked upon the concert as an occasion to smoke, hail friends, shout orders at the band, etc.

The fault lay not with the band but with the attitude of a large part of our public and of educators who look down upon jazz. If the proper emphasis were put on basic education in good citizenship, the conduct of the public at a jazz concert would have been different.

Yours, etc.,
"JERUSALEM CITIZEN"
(Name and Address Supplied)

At the Cinema

THE theme of "The Yellow Balloon" (Edison, Ptam) — the little boy who is misused by a criminal on the run — has often recurred of late. But the boy (Andrew Ray) is astonishingly good, the Spiv (Kenneth More) excellent, and the chase through the passages and shafts of a disused London Underground Station most exciting. Extremely well-made thriller.

Operatic Biography

"CARMEN Jones" (Zion, Ptam) is a pleasant screen biography of Vincenzo Bellini, the composer of "Norma." The story is very romantic, almost like a libretto. Bellini (Maurice Ronet) is loved by two beautiful women (Antonia Lusaldi and Nadia Gray). There is a lot of fine singing, but the singers are not given screen credit. Beside "Norma" and "Lucia di Lammermoor" quite a number of Bellini's less known compositions are presented. Dozens of Italian music lovers (and who isn't?) will enjoy this picture.
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Heterogeneous in Composition, Short of Personnel, Split on Policy

Tunis Cabinet Finds Going Hard

By HOWARD LONG

THE Tunisian Government has no mandate and no foundation. Constitutionally, it represents nothing except a group of individuals who hold the amorphous "confidence" of the Bey. One legitimate accusation against it is that even its composition is amorphous. Among its five Neo-Destourians, six independents and one dangling Socialist are such varieties as the pick of the young, modern-trending elite (Finance Minister Nouira, Commerce Minister Maamoudi); the Party's hardbitten troubleshooters (Interior Minister Mongi Slim, doubly formidable by virtue of his Greek ancestry); a scion of a turban-wearing Great Mosque dynasty (Justice Minister Ben Achour), and a 19th-century landed proprietor (Prime Minister Ben Ammar, whose 200 farmhands recently struck against him for failure to pay the legal minimum wage of less than $1 a day).

Such an assortment was presumably justified by the need for representing all rightwing tendencies in the nation. But it could hardly be called a team. Unfortunately, its few solid achievements — such as the vast revision of decrees and legislation piled up since 1882 (it took 63 decrees just to clear up the status of the caids), or the fusion of the hitherto separate Great Mosque university into a unified national education system (where it may at last suffer a touch of modernization) — were not the kind to publicize. Its more visible acts have tended to excite derision or wrath.

The Cabinet's first goldfish-bowl week in office seemed an interminable round of protocol visits and receptions for the French and one another. It took time out ponderously to pronounce a ban on official kissing, abolishing the immemorial custom of bussing one's superior on cheek, shoulder, chest or heart, one degree lower for each reverence. It made the mistake of going half-cocked into print with an unready Government Plan which was widely lampooned as a "mish-mash. On the other hand, it showed excessive caution by failing to purge a single provincial governor, though under the French regime many had grown notoriously fat by bribery and extortion. One reason, at least, is the lack of qualified replacements.

The younger nationalists, eager for jobs, are insisting that one's patriotic record is more important than one's academic degrees. Some Ministers have been unable to complete their staffs with men of their choice because the latter were at administrative desks in Tunis rather than in the mountains during the Liberation struggle. Meanwhile, wild-eyed ex-guerrillas have been milling about in ministerial antechambers, demanding free farmland or "honourable" jobs (ranging from police captains to night watchmen) and breathing threats of return to the underground. The natural craving of every other Tunisian for Liberation's fruits — reflected, among other things, by a rash of strikes — calls for magic rather than energy.

Rifts in Structure

"DESTOUR" means "constitution." It is therefore fair to suppose that a fundamental charter of freedom was a basic purpose of the anti-French resistance. Yet until now, nothing has been accomplished towards writing a constitution, not even as much as appointing a committee to consider how and by whom and when this should be done. The topic is dynamite. Behind it lie basic rifts in Tunisia's social and cultural structure which are emerging now that the one unifying force — the war on the foreign oppressor — has lost its binding.

The Bourguiba faction stands for a Western-style state, secular, democratic, egalitarian and welfare-conscious. Bourguiba, with no taste for economics, lets his younger colleagues do the dreaming about mass social reform. He himself concentrates on politics, in which he is a romantic of the 1789-1848 schools. He gives lip-service to the Arab world, but all his thoughts for Tunisian progress have a Western image. Even the literary Arabic he writes was acquired in student days at the *Ecole des Langues Orientales* in Paris.

Arrayed against the reformist wing of the Neo-Destour are the powerful bourgeois merchant families, the rich landowners, the Great Mosque and its obscurantist, Mecca-inclined hierarchies — and the Court. These have each their separate reasons. But they agree on opposing the Bourguiba notion of a constituent assembly, elected by universal suffrage, to draft and vote a Lincolnesque document. They prefer the Bey to name a council of notables which will recommend a prudent charter for His Highness' bestowal on a grateful people.

The Bey is nothing loathe. He has not forgotten that Bourguiba once promised to throw His Highness out as a French puppet. Nor his announcement, just before coming home, that Tunisia would be a non-clerical democracy. Soon after that, the Sheikh ul-Islam Enzifer and other dignitaries of Moslem Tunisia set in audience at Carthage. "*Destourouna, al Koran,*" they told the monarch — "Our Constitution is the Koran." The Bey made no reply, but stroked his beard approvingly.

(This is the third of four articles. The first two appeared on December 22 and 23.)

NATURE NOTES

A Hamster of My Own

WHEN I wrote about the little golden hamsters in this column some weeks ago, I was flooded with letters from eager potential owners, asking where they could get them. I had then seen them only as "other people's children," and heard and read about them. Now a kind friend has presented me with a batch, and after a fortnight's watching I can announce that even these charming animals, rightly extolled by Professor Lorens as ideal pets, have a dark side to them, like everything in this imperfect world. It is quite true that in your own home they are quite as adorable as in other people's.

They are trustful and inquisitive and have delightful ways reminiscent of squirrels. They sit up on their haunches to eat and hold the food in their tiny pink hands; they are clean, as is demonstrated by their eager scrubbing of faces and energetic combing of fur with diminutive claws after every meal. Their movements are droll, sometimes of an endearing clumsiness — as when they climb as high as they can go, look round desperately, not knowing how to get down again, then with a sudden resolve seem to say proudly: Now watch me jump — and then tumble down every which way to pick themselves up delefully — all this and more makes them entrancing to watch.

But here's the rub! When can you watch them?! They are nocturnal animals and spend even a good part of the night in sleep, not to speak of all day. It is true that I should be thankful that they are not diurnal, or I should have done no work whatever in the beginning of my career as a hamster mother. They do wake up and consent to nibble when I bring them a tidbit by day, but their proper waking-time in the depth of the night is bed-time for me! They take their first good meal about ten, play, take some excercise — and after an hour or so crawl under their siderdown again, a bulbul nest which they appreciate warmly.
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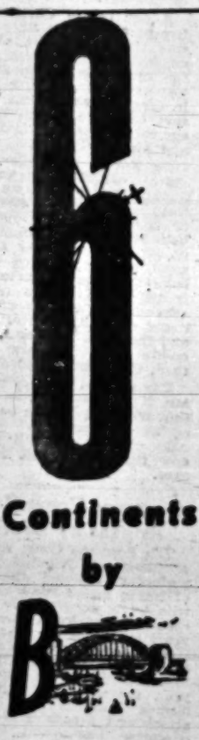

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